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**TO: SUMMER FLOUNDER INDUSTRY**

**FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**SUBJECT: UPDATED OPENING OF VIRGINIA'S 2023 DECEMBER DIRECTED  
OFFSHORE SUMMER FLOUNDER FISHERY**

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## **2023 December Open Period**

- **Effective 12:01 A.M., Friday December 1, 2023, the 2023 Directed Virginia Offshore Summer Flounder Fishery will be open for vessels with a Virginia Summer Flounder Endorsement License with an updated landing limit.**
- The Directed Virginia Offshore Summer Flounder fishery will be open from Friday December 1 through Sunday December 31, 2023. The landing limit for this open period is 20,000 pounds.
- Vessels may land 20,000 pounds per trip during the time period of December 1 through December 31, 2023.
- It is unlawful for any vessel to land in Virginia any amount of summer flounder more than once in any consecutive 5-day period.
- It is unlawful to possess aboard any vessel in Virginia waters any amount of summer flounder in excess of the total of the Virginia landing limit (20,000 pounds) and the amount of the legal North Carolina or New Jersey landing limit or trip limit.
- It shall be unlawful for any person to possess aboard any vessel, in Virginia, any amount of summer flounder, once it has been projected and announced that 100% of the quota described in 4VAC20-620-30 A has been taken.

- For additional requirements please visit <https://mrc.virginia.gov/Regulations/fr620.shtm>

### **Additional Information**

All announcements regarding the opening and closing of Virginia's Directed Offshore Flounder Fishery can be found on the home page of the agency website (<https://mrc.virginia.gov>), by clicking the link for "Summer Flounder Notices" under the section labeled Commercial Fishing.

If you have questions or comments, contact Jill Ramsey at (757) 247-2243.